

The Medicare Care Management Performance Demonstration

Section 649 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) requires the Secretary to establish a pay-for-performance 3-year pilot with physicians to promote the adoption and use of health information technology to improve the quality of patient care for chronically ill Medicare patients. Doctors who meet or exceed performance standards established by CMS in clinical delivery systems and patient outcomes will receive a bonus payment for managing the care of eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

CMS will implement the demonstration in the states of **California, Arkansas, Massachusetts and Utah**. Both rural and urban areas in each state will be targeted for physician recruitment to satisfy the legislative requirements. The demonstration is focused on solo and small to medium-sized physician practices. In order to participate in the demonstration, practices must be participating in their state's Doctor's Office Quality-IT (DOQ-IT) program and must be the primary provider of care for at least 50 Medicare beneficiaries. QIOs will assist in the recruitment of physician practices in each state in an effort to target approximately 2,800 physicians across all four states.

Under the demonstration practices participating in the MCMP demonstration will be rewarded for meeting clinical performance standards for treating diabetes, congestive heart failure, and coronary artery disease. In addition, they will be measured and rewarded for how well they provide preventive services (immunizations, blood pressure screening and cancer screening) to high risk chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries.

The implementation of an EHR and the ability to use it to facilitate the redesign of clinical practices can be critical in advancing opportunities to improve the quality of care. Therefore, under this demonstration physicians will also be eligible to receive additional incentive payments for implementing an EHR and being able to demonstrate its functionality by reporting the clinical performance data electronically.

An independent evaluation of this demonstration will be conducted. In addition, the authorizing legislation requires that not later than 12 months after the date of completion of the demonstration program, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DEMONSTRATION THAT YOU
MAY BE INTERESTED IN**

DEMONSTRATION APPLICATION FORM

- Only physician practices in Arkansas, California, Massachusetts and Utah that are enrolled in their state's DOQ-IT program are eligible to participate. *FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DOQ-IT PROGRAM, CONTACT YOUR STATE'S QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DEMONSTRATION YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN

- For a copy of the legislation authorizing this demonstration, see downloads area below: **Legislation**
- For a list of the clinical measures to be used under the demonstration, see downloads area below: **Clinical measures.**

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